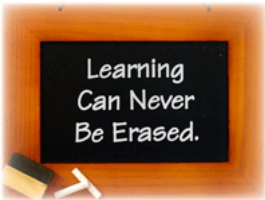


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Curriculum

Students will attend Orchard Academy as they would high school, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Orchard Academy is located on the Orchard Village campus in Skokie. As the class size of Orchard Academy increases in subsequent years, its site will be moved off the Orchard Village campus and into a centralized area of the community, allowing students to become even more familiar with a community-integrated lifestyle.

Although Orchard Academy houses classrooms and simulation areas, much of the students' time is spent participating in activities around the community. Skills are best absorbed by practicing them in the environment where they will be applied: banking skills are best learned in a bank, and grocery shopping is best learned in the grocery store.

Employment	Independent Living	Community Participation
Work Experiences	Life Skills	Community Support
Work Skill Attainment	Communication	Community Affiliations
Wages	Problem Solving	Social Skills
Tenure	Decision Making	Conflict Resolution
Employers	Health & Nutrition	Respect/Cooperation
	Self Care	Recreation/Leisure Increased
	Transportation/ Mobility	friendships and Relationships
	Personal Safety	
	Self Advocacy/ Future Planning	
	Financial/Income Needs	

Post – Secondary Education or Vocational Training

Job Training

Career Exploration

Vocational Skill Attainment